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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Timothy D. Reiersen and H. Nicholas Riddle
Serial No: 10/625,446
Filed: July 22, 2003
For: STRINGED INSTRUMENT FINGERBOARD WITH POSITION
MARKERS
Group Art Unit: 2837
Examiner: Hsieh, Shih-Yung
Attorney Docket No: RE15.P01

Yakima, Washington 98902
March 9, 2005

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action, marked as mailed on December 22, 2004, please amend and reconsider the claims of the application as set forth below. The shortened statutory response period for the above listed application expires March 22, 2005. This response is timely and properly filed within this shortened response period, via facsimile on Wednesday, March 9, 2004. No extension fees are required with this amendment and response. However, the amendments presented herein include three additional independent claim over the three allowed without fee. Therefore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned practitioner's PTO account No. 50-0269, the required small entity fee of \$300.00.